PATEL): (a) and (b) During the period April-Coctober, 1995 the energy shrotage in Karnataka was 14.6% and the State Govt. has imposed certain restrictions on supply of power to various categories of consumers.

(c) To make up for the shortfall of linkage from Singareni Collieries which was having production constraints, linkage to Raichur TPS had been provided from the Western Coalfield Ltd. and Mahanadhi Coalfields Ltd.

(d) It is not possible to supplement supplies to Karnataka by an additional 1000 MW during peak load hours from the central generating stations.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Power Finance Corporation Limited, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited Shillong and related papers.

III. MOU (1995-96) between the Government of India (Ministry of Power) and North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited.

VI. MOU (1995-96) between the Government of India (Ministry of Power) and Power Finance Corporation Limited.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): Madam, I Lay on the Table—

A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

I. (a) Ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Power Finance Corporation Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(Placed in Library *See* No. LT-8364/95)

II. (a) Ninteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited, Shillong, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(Placed in Library *See* No. LT-8365/95) also copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

III. Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Power) and North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited, for the year 1995-96.

(Placed in Library *See* No. LT-8366/95)

IV. Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Power) and Power Corporation Limited, for the year 1995-96.

(Placed in Library *See* No. LT-8367/95)

I. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Bombay and related papers.

II. Notification of the Ministry of Finance.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL) Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers,

Under sub-section (5) of section 48 of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Bombay, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Bank.

(iii) Statistical Statements of Annual Report of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Bombay, for the year 1994-95.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-8295/95)

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Natifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications :—

(1) GSR No. 568 (E), dated the 1st August, 1995, amending notifications No. 229/88-Customs, dated the 1st August, 1988 and No. 152/94-Customs, dated the 13th July, 1994.

(2) GSR No. 581(E), dated the 7th August, 1995, regarding woven fabrics, falling under Chapter 52, 54, or 55 of the Customs Tariff, liable to additional duty at rates determined by the Fabrics (Additional Duty) Rules, 1995.

(3) GSR No. 582(E), dated the 7th August, 1995, publishing the Fabrics (Additional Duty) Rules, 1995

(4) GSR No. 583(E), dated the 7th August, 1995, amending notification No. 357 Customs, dated the 2nd August, 1976.

(5) GSR No. 584(E), dated the 7th August, 1995, publishing the Additional Duty Amendment Rules, 1995.

(6) GSR No. 587(E), dated the 9th August, 1995, amending notification No. 13/95-Customs dated the 16th March, 1995.

(7) GSR No. 593(E), dated the 21st August, 1995, relating to grant of full exemption upto 30th December, 1995, from basic and additional duties of customs, on machinery. equipment etc. required for setting up of indigenous manufacturing facilities in the Ordnace Factories for the manufacture of armaments of Infantry Combat Vehicles.

(8) GSR No. 596(E), dated the 24th August, 1995, amending notification No. 93/95-Customs dated the 18th May, 1995.

(9) GSR No. 603(E), dated the 28th August, 1995, amending notification No. 146/94 Customs dated the 13th July, 1994.

(10) GSR No. 607(E), dated the 31st August, 1995, amending notification No. 39/94-Customs, dated the 1st March, 1994.

Placed in Library For (1) to (10) *See No.* LT-8425/95

(11) GSR No. 610(E), dated the 31st August, 1995, relating to impose anti-dumping duty. on Isobutyl Benezene, exported from the People's Republic of China, at the rate of Ten Thousand six hundred and thirty fous rupees per tonne.

(Placed in Library *See* No. LT-8292/95)

(12) GSR No. 614(E), dated the 4th September, 1995, amending notification No. 155/94 Customs dated the 13th July, 1994.

(13) GSR No. 615(E), dated the 4th September, 1995, exempting plants. machinery, equipment, spares including insurance spares and

consumables falling under the first Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

[Placed in Library For (12) and (13) *See* No. LT-8425/95]

(14) GSR No. 616(E), dated the 5th September, 1995, relating to impose anti-dumping duty on Potassium Permanganate, exported from the people's Republic of China, at the rate of Five thousand nine hundred ninty two rupees per tonne.

(Placed in Library *See* No. LT-8292/95)

(15) GSR No. 627(E), dated the 8th September, 1995, amending notification No. 177/90 Customs dated the 31st May, 1990.

(16) GSR No. 638(E), dated the 15th September, 1995, amending notification No. 73/94-Customs dated the 1st March, 1994.

(17) GSR No. 666(E), dated the 26th September, 1995, amending notification No. 257/92 Customs dated the 12th August, 1992.

(Placed in Library. For (15) to (17) *See* No. LT-8425/95)

(18) GSR No. 690(E), dated the 20th October, 1995 relating to impose anti-dumping duty on 3, 4, 5, Trimethoxy Benzaldehyde, expoted from the People's Republic of China, at the rate of Two hundred thirty seven rupees per kilogram.

(19) GSR No. 691(E), dated the 20th October, 1995 relating to impose anti-dumping duty on (1) Theophylline at the rate of Rs. 108/- per kg. and (2) Caffeine at the rate of Rs. 101/- per kg. when exported from the People's Republic of China.

(Placed in Library for (18) and (19) *See* No. LT-8293/95)

(20) GSR No. 700(E), dated the 27th October, 1995 publishing the project Imports (Amendment) Regulations, 1995.

(21) GSR No. 745(E), dated the 14th November, 1995 relating to impose anti-dumping duty on Acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber (NBR) (Other than latex) exported from Japan at the rate of Nineteen thousand three hundred and six rupees per metric tonne.

(Placed in Library for (20) & (21) *See* No. LT-8293/95)

(22) Adhoc Exemption Order No. 258/95 dated the 21st September, 1995 prescribing the basic customs duty of 20% *ad valorem* on 55000 (fifty five thousand) metric tonnes of vegetable oils, edible grade (other than coconut oil, palm kernel oil, RBD palm oil and RBD palm stearin) in loose form to be imported by National Dairy Development Board on or before 31st October, 1995.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-8425/95)

III. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under sub-section (2) Section 38 of the Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944 together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) GSR No. 529(E), dated the 4th July, 1995 exempting all goods falling under the Schedule to the Central Excises Tariff Act, 1985.

(2) GSR No. 563(E), dated the 26th July, 1995 seeking to amend Notification 30/88-CE, so as to replace "Drugs (Prices Control) order 1987" by "Drugs (Price Control), Order, 1995."

(3) GSR No. 569 dated the 1st August, 1995 seeking to provide full exemption from excise duty to cotton waste when the same cleared from a unit in a free trade zone or from a 100% EOU.

(4) GSR No. 589(E), dated, the 11th August, 1995 seeking to exempt processed embroidery from the whole of the basic excise duty.

(5) GSR No. 590(E), dated, the 11th August, 1995 seeking to increase the rates of excise dury fixed under rule 96ZT of the C.E.R. 1944 from Rs. 25 to Rs. 30 per metre length of the machines per shift, for embroidery machines for manufacturing embroidery.

(6) GSR No. 601(E), dated, the 28th August, 1995 providing full exemption from excise duty to goods produced of manufactured in 100% EOU or EPZ and cleared to a person holding a duty free import licence against advance release order issued in terms of Export and Import policy.

(7) GSR No. 602(E), dated, the 28th August, 1995 seeking to grant exemption from payment of Central Excise duties on goods supplied to the United Nations or an International Organisation as defined in United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947.

(8) GSR No. 608(E), dated, the 31st August, 1995 seeking to amend notification 60/88-CE, relating to exemption from excise duty on newsprint.

(9) GSR No. 609(E), dated, the 31st August, 1995 seeking to fully exempt bleached, dyed printed or mercerised polyester filament yarn from basic excise duty.

(10) GSR No. 617(E), dated, the 6th September, 1995 seeking to amend notification 15/94-CE, so as to exempt plastic materials falling under chapter heading 39.01 and 39.14.

(Placed in Library. For (1) to (10) *See* No. LT-8423/95

(11) GSR No. 635(E), dated, the 14th September, 1995 seeking to amend notification No. 112/95-CE, dated 14th September, 1995.

Placed in Library. *See* No. 8294/95)

(12) GSR No. 714(E), dated, the 3rd November, 1995 seeking to amend notification No. 35/95-CE. so as to fully exempt twisted filament yarns of nylon and viscose from excise duty
(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-8423/95)

IV. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economics Affairs), Notification G.S.R. No. 512 (E) dated the 20th June, 1995 publishing the Coinage (Standard Weight and Remedy of Commemorative Coins of Five Rupees (containing Copper 75% and Nickel 25%) coined to Commemorate the occasion of 50th Anniversary of Food and Agriculture Organisation 1945—1995) Rule, 1995, under sub-section (3) of Section 21 of the Coinage Act, 1906.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-8424/95)

V. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) (Insurance Division) under Section 17 of the General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Act, 1972 together with explanatory memoranda on the Notification:—

(1) S.O. No. 585(E), dated the 28th June, 1995 publishing the General Insurance (Employees) Pension Scheme, 1995.

(2) S.O. No. 592(E), dated the 30th June, 1995 publishing the General Insurance (Rationalisation of Pay Scales and Other Conditions of Service of Officers) Amendment Scheme, 1995.

(3) S.O. No. 593(E), dated the 30th June, 1995 publishing the General Insurance (Rationalisation of Pay Scales and Other Conditions of Service of Development Staff) Amendment Scheme, 1995.

(4) S.O. No. 594(E), dated the 30th June, 1995 publishing the General Insurance (Rationalisation and Revision of Pay Scales and Other Conditions of Service of Supervisory, Clerical and Subordinate Staff) Amendment Scheme, 1995. (Placed in Library. For (1) to (4) *See* No. LT-8427/95)

VI. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) (Insurance Division), under sub-section (3) of Section 48 of the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956:—

(1) GSR No. 525(E), dated the 28th June, 1995, publishing the Life Insurance Corporation of India (Employees) Pension Rules, 1995.

(2) GSR No. 595(E), dated the 30th June, 1995, publishing the Life Insurance Corporation of India, Class III and Class IV Employees (Revision of Terms and Conditions of Service) Amendment Rules, 1995.

(3) GSR No. 596(E), dated the 30th June, 1995, publishing the Life Insurance Corporation of India Development Officers (Revision of Terms and Conditions of Service) Amendment Rules, 1995.

(4) GSR No. 597(E), dated the 30th June, 1995, publishing the Life Insurance Corporation of India Class I Officers (Revision of Terms and Conditions of Service) Amendment Rules, 1995.

(5) GSR No. 598(E), dated the 30th June, 1995, publishing the Life Insurance Corporation of India (Staff) (Amendment) Rules, 1995.

(6) GSR No. 669(E), dated the 27th September, 1995, publishing the Life Insurance Corporation of India Class III and Class IV Employees (Revision of Terms and Conditions of Service) (Second Amendment) Rules, 1995. (Placed in Library. For (1) to (6) *See* No. LT-8426/95)

VII. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance, (Department of Revenue) under Section 296 of the Income-tax, 1961:—

(1) S.O. No. 2518, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Victoria Technical Institute, Madras'.

(2) S.O. No. 2519, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Servants of the People Society, New Delhi'.

(3) S.O. No. 2520, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'SOS Children's Village of India, New Delhi'.

(4) S.O. No. 2521, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Shree Nasik Panchavati Panjrapole, Nasik'.

(5) S.O. No. 2522, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Navajivan Trust, Ahmedabad'.

(6) S.O. No. 2523, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Uttar Pradesh'.

(7) S.O. No. 2525, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi'.

(8) S.O. No. 2526, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'West Zone Cultural Centre, Udaipur.'

(9) S.O. No. 2527, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Asiatic Society Bombay.'

(10) S.O. No. 2528, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying

'Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi, Guwahati.'

(11) S.O. No. 2529, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Punjab Istri Sabha Relief Trust, Punjab.'

(12) S.O. No. 2530, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Maharashtra State Bharat Scouts & Guides, Bombay'.

(13) S.O. No. 2531, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission, Barrackpore, West Bengal.'

(14) S.O. No. 2532, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Bengal Social Service League, Calcutta.'

(15) S.O. No. 2533, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Krishna Gopal Ayurvedic Dharamarth Aushdhalaya Trust, Ajmer.'

(16) S.O. No. 2534, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Press Trust of India Limited, Fort, Bombay.'

(17) S.O. No. 2535, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Ramana Maharashi Centre For Learning, Bangalore.'

(18) S.O. No. 2536, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relation, New Delhi.'

(19) S.O. No. 2537, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Tibetan Homes Foundation, Bureau of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, New Delhi.'

(20) S.O. No. 2538, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying "Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (General Fund), New Delhi.

(21) S.O. No. 2539, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'German Leprosy Relief Association Rehabilitation Fund, Madras.'

(22) S.O. No. 2540, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Dayanand Anglo-Vedic College Trust and Management Society, New Delhi.'

(23) S.O. No. 2541, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Swaminarayan Aksharpith, Shahibaug, Ahmedabad.'

(24) S.O. No. 2542, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Bharat Scouts and Guides, New Delhi.'

(25) S.O. No. 2543, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Bharat Scouts & Guides, New Delhi.'

(26) S.O. No. 2544, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Madhya Pradesh Mahila Kalyan Samiti, Govindpura, Bhopal.'

(27) S.O. No. 2545, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Asian Institute of Transport Development, New Delhi.'

(28) S.O. No. 2547, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Shri Ramachandra Mission, Uttar Pradesh.'

(29) S.O. No. 2548, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, New Delhi'.

(30) S.O. No. 2549, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'West Bengal Council for Child Welfare, Calcutta'.

(31) S.O. No. 2550, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Sri Aurobindo Society, Calcutta'.

(32) S.O. No. 2551, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'SOS Children's Village of India, New Delhi'.

(33) S.O. No. 2553, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Shri Anandpur Trust, New Delhi'.

(34) S.O. No. 2554, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'India Trade Promotion Organisation, New Delhi'.

(35) S.O. No. 2555, dated the 23rd September, 1995, notifying 'Maharashtra Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Pune'. (Placed in Library. For (1) to (35) *See* No. LT-8424/95)

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI (GUJARAT): Madam, with your permission I present:

(i) the petition signed by Prof. Manubhai D. Shah and three others of Ahmedabad praying for payment of full claim by the LIC arising out of double accident benefit policies in cases where death/permanent disability takes place after 120 days of the accident;

(ii) the petition signed by Prof. Manubhai D. Shah and three others of Ahmedabad praying for computation of limitation period for grant of costs and interest in cases of ex-gratia payments made by LIC to widows on their husbands policies; and

(iii) the petition signed by Prof. Manubhai D. Shah and three others of Ahmedabad praying for redefining the term 'Railway Accident' and matters relating thereto.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी: (उत्तर प्रदेश) उपसभापति महोदया, मैं 1993-94 के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार के विनियोग लेखाओं पर लोक लेखा समिति (दसवीं लोक सभा) के एक सौ दसवें प्रतिवेदन की एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखता हूं।

Re. Demand for Discussion over Election Commission's power to proceed for or withhold any election

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Kerala): Madam, I am on a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Today we have a Calling Attention motion.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Madam, before that I want to raise a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is your point of order?

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Madam, my point of order arises out of your own ruling which you gave on 29th November.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: On my ruling you cannot raise a point of order. You cannot raise a point of order on my ruling. You can raise a point of information.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Madam, please hear me. It arises out of the spirit of the ruling given by you. The next day Shri I. K. Gujral raised the same issue that there was a tendency to rush to the court and the House was prevented from discussing a matter on the ground that it was *sub-judice* and that it was not correct. Madam, today there is a report in the *INDIAN-EXPRESS* that the Central Government is moving the Supreme Court on J & K poll. I will read only one sentence.

> "Overcoming its initial hesitation with the Eleection Commission, the Government will now challenge in the Supreme Court its decision to withhold elections in Jammu and kashmir."

Madam, is very clear from article 324 of the Constitution. I don't want to quote. The question is whether the Election Commission has overstepped its authority. Some of us have a feeling that the Election Commission has gone beyond the purview of the authority which is given to it under the Constitution.

Madam, it is very clear from article 324 and I quote:

> "324 (1) The superitendence, direction and control of the preparation of the electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections to Parliament and to the Legislature of every State